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SUBJ:: CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS  
FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972

REF: LONDON 19785

ATTN: MR. CLAY BLOCK

RE QUESTION PARA 2 REFTEL, IT IS STANDARD USG PRACTICE  
TO DEFER DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION (THE  
DEFINITIVE ACT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW) UNTIL MEASURES  
HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE SUITABLE DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTA-  
TION THROUGH LEGISLATION OR OTHERWISE. THIS OFTEN  
RESULTS IN SOME DELAY BETWEEN DATE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFI-  
CATION IS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND DATE OF DEPOSIT.  
IN CASE OF COLREG, DEPOSIT WAS DELAYED PENDING ENACTMENT  
OF LEGISLATION. THE LEGISLATION WAS VETOED FOR REASONS  
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UNRELATED TO THE SUBSTANCE OF COLREGS AND BECAUSE OF  
OBVIOUS PROBLEMS OF SAFETY TO LIFE AND PROPERTY, NON-  
LEGISLATIVE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION WERE PURSUED RATHER  
THAN RUN SUBSTANTIAL RISKS IMPLICIT IN USG NOT CONFORMING  
TO SAFETY AND NAVIGATION PRACTICES OF REST OF WORLD.  
THESE IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS ACCOUNT FOR THE DELAY IN  
DEPOSITING COLREGS RATIFICATION.

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